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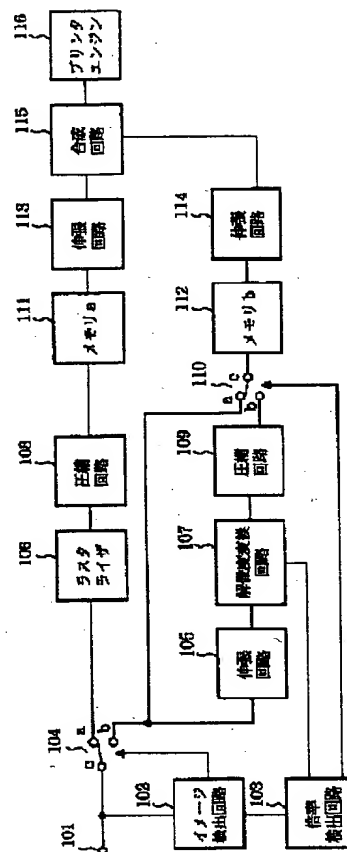
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TITLE : PICTURE OUTPUT DEVICE



ABSTRACT : PURPOSE: To provide a picture output device in which processing time is considerably reduced with less memory capacity, deterioration in picture quality of image data is suppressed and a picture output with high picture quality is obtained.

CONSTITUTION: When a magnification detection circuit 103 detects it that resolution of inputted compression image data exceeds resolution of a printer engine 116, an expansion circuit 105 expands it and a resolution conversion circuit 107 converts the resolution and then a compression circuit 109 applies compression processing to the data and the result is stored in a memory 112. On the other hand, when the resolution of the inputted compression image data is coincident with the resolution of the printer engine 116, no compression expansion processing is executed and the data are stored directly to the memory 112. Then the data read from the memory 112 are expanded by an expansion circuit 114 and printed out from the printer engine 116.

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